

In the claims:

Claim 28 (Previously presented) In combination,

- (a) a vehicle having an area for receiving a wheelchair, and
- (b) means for securing a wheelchair in said area to said vehicle, wherein said means for securing is permanently attached to said vehicle and comprises:
 - (i) means for engaging a portion of said wheelchair under tension, said means for engaging being locked to said vehicle at a predetermined location, and
 - (ii) a movable securing element having mounted thereon a housing and a flexible strap, said flexible strap having one end adjustably received in said housing and an opposite end adapted to engage a portion of said wheelchair in said area under tension, said movable securing element being movable with respect to said vehicle between an operating position wherein said housing is locked to said vehicle at a further location for cooperation with said means for engaging to secure said wheelchair and a storage position wherein said housing is remote from said further location, wherein said movable securing element is a bar mounted for pivotal movement about a vertical axis between said operating position and said storage position.

Claims 29-30 (Cancelled)